68 SUICIDES IN

Homicides Show Decrease and Accidental Deaths Increase, Says Dr. Nevitt.

Homicidal deaths showed a de-crease and suicidal and accidental deaths an increase during the past fiscal year compared to the previous year, Dr. J. Ramsay Nevitt, District Coroner, reported in submitting his report for the fiscal year ended June

30 last. The total number of homicides last year was 58, compared with 63 the previous year; suicides totaled 68. compared with 55 the year previous, and accidental deaths 366, compared large increase in accidental deaths unanmiously back up the Commiswith 236 the previous year. large increase in accidental deaths sioners in their estimates. We stoners of con-Theater collapse, in which ninetyseven persons were killed.

Dr. Nevitt reported that he in-quired into the deaths of 1,547 persons last year, giving a verdict of death from natural causes to 1,055 of this number. He performed 197 autopsies and held 127 inquests. The morgue cared for 783 bodies, the re-

port shows.

Thirty-seven persons were accidentally drowned last year and two committed suicide by hanging.

Thirty gun shot wounds led the list of causes for homicides. Others were: Automobiles, 1; struck by brick, 1; suffocations, 1; fracturned neck, 9; men, 2; criminal abortion, 1; struck by axe, 1, and legal hanging, 1.

Suicidal deaths: Drowning, 3; cyanide of potassium, 3; burns of body 2; carbolic acid, 4; jump from bridge 1; gunshot wounds, 23; gas, illuminat-1; cut throat, 3; hanging by neck, 5 and linament, 1.

fall from aeroplane, 3; steam railroad 4: street railroad, 11; strychnine poi soning, 2; coal gas, 1; electrocuted, 1 elevator fall, 4; drowning, 37; scepticemia, 3; tetanus, 4; struck by light-ning, 4; fall from horse, 2; automobiles, 47; motorcycles, 3; kicked by horse, 2; burning building, 4; burns and scaldings, 38; cut by machine, 1; carbolic acid, 1; morphine, 4; acoustine, 1, and collapse of Knicker-bocker Theater, 97.

The report also shows that the expenses of the Coroner's office during the past fiscal year totaled \$6,646.49

Diversion.

Tickets for the automobile, bicycle and motorcycle races on Labor Day at the Arlington track are selling at a rate which promises to result in crowded grandstand, William F Franklin announced today.

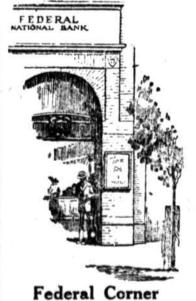
Franklin is commander of Vincent B. Costello Post, American Legion, under whose direction the races will e given. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for a home for exservice men who are stranded in Washington while seeking compensation adjustment or employment. This it is one of most important home, it is pointed out, will in no properties of the mediumistic professions. sense be a' clubhouse.

van, chief of police, and by other opponents.

events will be run at 10:30 a. m. on

Had Razor-Fined \$50.

Judge Mattingly in the Police Court



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M. and M. Head Asks Aid in Roads Fight PRITEWINN

Need of Better Highways Should Arouse Citizens to Protest Cut.

by wholehearted support of the District Commissioners in their estimates for road building, repairing, and upkeep can residents of this city hope to have Congress furnish the sort of highways the National Capital is entitled to and must have, in the opinion of Brig. Gen, Anton Stephan, president of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association

"The estimates of the Commisioners for streets are not a cent too high," declared General Steph-"Every penny asked for represented an urgent need and we should have the money. It is up to residents of Washington, through the various civic organizations, to gress, who may not be familiar with our needs, that we are united in our desire for these necessary improvements or we never will get the money we need for our streets. are joited over roads that are little "I blieve that we should have better than country lanes. This conour main highways entirely re- dition is a disgrace to the city. built. built. This policy of patching and repatching roadways which were never designed for the traffic they are now forced to carry is wasteful, ment can be obtained by appoint-

Roadway Cut To Pieces.

Connecticut avenue beyond the place it is extremely doubtful that bridge. Here, due to the heavy appointment of such a board would struck by hatchet, 1; thrown lamp, to which Connecicut avenue is the in the second it is unlikely that Con-3; struck by stone, 1; kicked in abdo- main thoroughfare from Washing- gress would be disposed to treat the ton, the roadway has been cut to estimates of such a board any more pieces. The road bed is too light kindly than those of the Commis-for the traffic and has been crushed sioners. to pieces under the wheels of heavily loaded trucks. A new bed, tablish a dangerous precedent, and suited to meet the needs of the would tend to undermine the Bureau ing, 21; bichloride of mercury, 1; lye, day, should be laid and maintained. of the Budget.

1: cut throat, 3; hanging by neck, 5, "Our highways, especially those "We must m leading into the District from Mary- conditions and, by united support Accidental deaths were caused as follows: Gunshot wounds, 4; gangrene, 3; gas, illuminating, 16; arsenic poisoning, 2; lye poison, 1; runaway team, 1; gastritis, 2; falling Into the District from Maryland they roll over well laid the present unsatisfactory conditions. Visitors communications and, by united support of the estimate of our needs as presented by the men who have been into the District from Maryland the put into the District from Maryland of the estimate of our needs as presented by the men who have been suppointed as our leaders and who are familiar with our needs, impress upon Congress our demands that



BRIG. GEN. ANTON STEPHAN.

Doubts Board's Use.

"I do not think that any improvement of any board or commission to "The example I have in mind is present road estimates. In the first operations in the section ever be authorized by Congress, and

"Moreover such a board would es-

"We must make the best of present from tree, 1; falling off wagon, 2; fall and carefully maintained highways. the present unsatisfactory conditions from building, 8; falls, blows, etc., 54; Arriving at the District line they be remedied."

Houdini's Answers on Psychic Phenomena

Scores of letters today were received by Harry Houdini, master magician and student of psychic phenomena, who has consented to answer, through The Washington Times, questions on matters pertaining to communication with the spirit world.

Houdini avows he is open to conviction on the subject of spiritualism, but in three decades of world-wide research he has uncovered no direct evidence of the professed powers of mediums.

Houdini does not claim to be a clairvoyant. He will answer no ques-

tions on love problems or other matters which do not reach into the realm of his study. Letters addressed to him through The Washing-

Q.—Out of curiosity, about two tyears ago, I visited a spiritualist. I made no appointment with her and she didn't know I was coming until I walked in on her. We had neither seen nor heard of each other.

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Notwithstanding this, she could tell me correctly me name, the names of members of my family and of friends and various facts connected with my life with the life members of my family and of friends and various facts.

Further, you relate the incident as it appeared to you. To me your visit would appear entirely different. You have omitted to tell me how you were led to visit Mrs.

all true. I would appreciate it very much, indeed, if you would tell me how she could tell me these names how she could tell me these names and facts concerning my life, in view the slates at the 4:30 performance of the fact that she had never heard at the Rialto Theater last Wednesof me before.

Recently I again made a surprise visit on another spiritualist who had never heard of me before. She also vestigation for many years. They surprised me by telling me correctly have been called tricks such as you similar facts, including correct perform daily. Query: Can you pernames R. C. form this act or trick under prenames. A. I am wondering, R. C., if you

ever heard of the "Spirit Blue Book." properties of the mediumistic profes-sion in the world. International in went to Professor Keeler, the me-The Carry Ice Cream Company has bought \$100 worth of tickets, to be distributed among Washington Boy Security and the Lebman Time Show it is the following t Scouts, and the Lehman Tire Shop in the book is in the form of data difference whether I was an unhas purchased a block of fifty tickets gathered through a co-operative plan. believer or not. I also attended Special attention is paid in the list- some of his night seances and mafor the Boys' Club of Washington.

Co-operation with Costello post has been pledged by Major Daniel Sullispersions.

Special attention is paid in the list-some of his night seances and materialistic manifestations without, however, becoming a convert to the coult.

The means by which mediums Elimination heats for the racing know who is coming to see them are double and hinged. I cleaned the too numerous to mention. Once in slates myself and in his presence; Labor Day, the finals starting in the side, however, the work is easy. I and after he had dropped a small afternoon at 2 o'clock. A one-mile know that a favorite trick of the piece of slate pencil between them, bicycle race, for which no ellmina-tion tests are necessary, will start off the program, to be followed, respec-tively, by the motorcycle and auto-mobile events. Cash prizes will be mobile events. Cash prizes will be leaves, the medium signals to a con-awarded to the winners in the latter federate outside. This latter follows presence to deceased friends withthe stranger and obtains, in divers out the contents or parties known ways, all necessary information. It to him. We had never seen each may be necessary in some cases to other before, and I did not give him

done. I have tricked some mediums in Dankmeyer's attention was attracted this way, through my knowledge of between us by the tips of our finto Johnson as he executed a little their methods: Going to their rooms, dance in Ward's Court northwest, I would be purposely on my guard razor protruding from his for any question they might ask me that would give them a hint of my identity. Then the medium, perhaps a little worried, would go through a The table had no drawers and I stock performance, telling me who, in the spirit world, was very happy; in other words, attempting to cover the fraud by generalities. When the hand. In about fifteen minutes the seance was over, I would reveal my pencil began moving beneath our self, and the medium would say, dis-gustedly: "Why didn't you tell me pencil came to a stop and Keeler

ed by Mrs. Ripples, who claimed to the subjects, but in different hands. be an "independent voice medium." and none in those of the parties During this particular evening addressed. the spirit (?) of the physician who attended mother at my birth, and bottom as an answer to a request had been dead since I was nine that some special token should be years of age, came and conversed given me as evidence of the preswith me at length, mentioning ence of a young lady whom I had names of both his family and mine. known in my boyhood. I still have and I must admit we had a most these slates with writing quite disenjoyable, sane, heart-to-heart talk, tinct, It was marvelous.

medium, never heard of her before tricked, but have never been able in my life, and vice versa. Now, to solve the mystery by any such of slate-writing publicly, because my friend will you kindly enlighten method such as you demonstrated there are so many methods. They are me as to how you think this clever to us Wednesday, for you had the trick was done? There are living slates or the stage before they in his researchs of many years ago. witnesses who will substantiate were placed in my hands. Keeler this statement. A. R. A.—Your question parallels R. until after they were cleaned and would never again be duplicated by a C.'s, which I had answered above. tied by me.

neither seen nor heard of each other much more than yours did. Further, you relate the incident

connected with my life which were Ripples. Is it not possible that you discussed her before going to see

The subject of mediumistic slate cisely the same (not similar) conditions as are set forth in the follow-

I took my own slates, which were

Jim Johnson, colored, was yester. telegraph out of town for the desired my name. Keeler stated that the day fined \$50 or 60 days in jail by gers above an ordinary table which was in a large bay window, under which, in strong sunlight, I could plainly see any movement of his legs and feet or his other hand. carefully examined the floor for a trap. There was none.

I held my watch in my free you were Houdini when you came asked me to untie the knots and examine the slates. Both sides Q.—Not many years ago in Washington I attended a scance conductive to the notes, all germane to

A blue forget-me-not was at the

Now, Mr. Houdini, I have always were the victim of an exceptionally I was an entire stranger to the believed that I was, in some way, never took them from my hands, cret here is that the Keeler feat

answer, however, by saying that every minute I was with him. Can the reason mentioned

Oldest Flivver at Montgomery County Exhibit Made in 1908.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Aug. 26.—Although the annual fair which closed here last evening was a big success in every way, the total re-ceipts were not the largest in the society's history. While the exact figures are not available, it is known they will fall considerably behind the receipts of 1921, banner year. There will, however, be sufficient funds to more than pay all expenses of the four-day exhibi-

The prize of \$5 offered by the society to the oldest man attending he fair who registered at the sec retary's office, was awarded to Ig-natius T. Fulks, of Gaithersburg. Mr. Fulks gave his age as ninety years three months and fifteen days. Next to him was Edward W. Horner, of Rockville, whose age was given as eighty-nine years seven months and twenty-two days. The two old gentlemen were school-Both are unusually spry mates. for their years, and take a lively interest in life.

The only Washington man to register was C. W. Thompson, of 523 Seventh street northeast. He gave his age as eighty years seven months and twenty days.

John Snyder, of Germantown,

was, however, probably the oldest man on the grounds, but the fact that he failed to comply with the rules and register at the secretary's office cost him the prize. Mr. Snyder is ninety-nine years old. The prize of \$5 for the oldest Ford automobile was awarded to Edgar D. Thompson, of Rockville.

Mr. Thompson is the owner of one of the models of 1908, engine number 2211. The machine is still in good condition and is daily used by ts owner. Additional premium winners have een announced as follows: Farm Products.

Red wheat-First, Lewis Bussard; econd, W. A. Godfrey. Buckwheat—First, Seth W. Warfield; second, J. T. Warfield. Barley-First, J. T. Warfield; second, Seth W. Warfield. Clover seed-First, R. P. Hines: second, Seth W. Warfield. Oats-First, R. P. Hines; second,

Mrs. James D. King. Yellow corn, 1921, shelled—First, R. P. Hines; second, James W. Barnsley, Yellow ear corn-First, R. P.

Hines, jr.; second, Myers Brothers. White earn corn, 1921—First, R. Hines, jr.; second R. P. Hines. White shelled corn, 1921-First, J. C. Warfield; second, Myers Brothers. Garden Products.

Beets-First, Seth W. Warfield; cond, G. Cleyeland Johnson. Cabbage-First, R. H. Wright, cond, Myers Brothers. Cymblings — First, Thomas A. Barnsley; second, R. P. Hines, jr. Pumpkins-First. Ward Savage;

econd, George Rice. Egg plants-First, G. Carlton Oland; second, James W. Graff. White onions—First, Henry M. Larman; second, J. F. Barnsley. Red onions—First, O. B. Harman; second, A. W. Magruder. Cucumbers-First, Seth W. Warfield; second, R. P. Hines, jr. Salsify—First, James W. Barnsley; son.

Collection dish plants — First, Parsnips-First, R. P. Hines; sec-

ond, G. Cleveland Johnson. Sweet potatoes-First, G. Carlton Oland; second, R. P. Hines. Tomatoes-First, E. M. Ricketts; cond, G. Carlton Oland. Turnips-First, R. P. Hines; sec-

nd, Mrs. Mary Duvall. Lima Beans-First, R. P. Hines, r.; second, Miss Emma Stabler. String beans-First, R. P. Hines, second, G. Cleveland Johnson. Parsley—First, G. Cleveland John-on; second, Mrs. F. A. Reed. Peppers-First, Mrs. Winfred E. Berry; second, R. P. Hines.

Hops-First, G. Cleveland Johnson; second, S. S. Walsh. Kale-First, E. P. Hines, jr.; second, G. Cleveland Johnson, Okra-First, Mrs. Frank J. Jan-ney; second, G. Carlton Oland.

Carrots-First, Robey H. Brown; second, R. P. Hines, jr. Celery-First, Edwin W. Monday; second, Miss Katherine Monday. Potatoes — First, Miss Margaret Mahoney. Mahoney. Bowl Radishes-First, Miss Katherine Monday; second, Edwin W. Monday. Lettüce—First, R. P. Hines, jr.; second. Edwin W. Monday.

Second. Edwin W. Monday.

Cauliflower—First, Seth W. Warfield; second, J. T. Warfield.

Table design—First, Miss David Wagher; second, Mrs. James T. Bogley.

Design in greatest variety—First Mrs. C. T. Johnson; second, Edwin

Fruits. Apples: Ben Davis-First, Samuel

you perform that trick under prewell-known minstrel star. The two cisely the same conditions, or can ends of the slates were then held you explain satisfactorily to an audience how it was done, whether by sleight-of-hand, accomplices or other means? R. G. CARTER, U. S. ARMY.

A .- I can perform the Keeler trick under the conditions you specify. with the greatest of ease.

Also, I will deposit \$1,000 to be paid to any reliable charitable or ganization if any performer in the line of automatic writing can get a cross on the inner side of slates furnished by me to the medium. mean that no operator in the pseudospiritualistic business can perform this feat, or any similar feat without detection by me.

There is no doubt in my mind but what you were tricked, and I am sure that there were some particulars of your visit to Keeler that you failed to mention. They probably seem ed so trivial to you at the time that you have completely forgotten them. But they were really the most im-portant features of the seance you mention. I do not think you were hypnotized. I am certain that you clever delusion

I do not explain the various means My reason for not revealing the semediumistic slate-writer, for he These names and facts appear to be convincing evidence to the average person and I am not surprised. I was hypnotized by Keeler. I was hypnotized by Keeler. I wish to supplement my first watch enabled me to account for Further than that I may not say, for

Protest Dog's Leap From Soaring Airplane

Is the life of dog more val-uable than the life of an avi-

Major W. H. Frank, executive officer of the army air service, today told Representative William A. Rodenberg, of Illinois, that he didn't think so.

However, on a protest from the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, conveyed to Major Frank by Congressman Rodenberg, it has been decided not to permit a dog to be dropped by parachute from an airplane at an aerial show to be given at Scott Field. Ill., for the field's relief fund.

Rodenberg was asked by the air service office if any protest had been made against the dropping of aviators by para-chute from airplanes. The Congressman said no, and he was told a man would be used instead.

P. Thomas; second, Mrs. James M Mount, Fall Pipins—First, Mrs. W F. Gittings. Cravenstein—First, Mrs Henry L. Wells. Golden pippins-First, Seth W. Warfield. Summer Rambo-Second, R. P. Hines. York imperial-First, J. W. Benson; second, Mrs. Titus Brown. Grimes golden—First, Mrs. James M. Mount; second, Samuel P. Thomas. Maiden blush—First, Mrs. Mary Jarboe; sec ond, R. P. Hines. Rome Beauty-First, R. P. Hines; second, Myers Brothers. Stayman winesap—First Samuel P. Thomas; second, Seth W Warfield. Best collection of summe apples—First, Samuel P. Thomas, second, R. P. Hines, jr. Best collection fall apples-First, Samuel P second, Mrs. James M. Mount.

Peaches: Crawfords-First, Mrs. James M. Mount. Elbertas—First, Mrs. James M. Mount. Old mixed peaches—First, R. P. Hines.
Pears—First and second, R. P.
Hines.

Plums-First, D. F. Oland; second, Seth W. Warfield.
Damsons—First, George Shaw; sec

ond, R. P. Hines, jr.
Black grapes—First, Miss Loretta
Imstead; second, Mrs. James D. Red grapes-First, Seth W. War ield. White grapes—First, Mrs. Myrtle Godfrey; second, Seth W. Warfield. Watermelons—First, Clyde Griffith;

econd, E. M. Walter. Muskmelons-First, A. W. Ma gruder; second, Mrs. James D. King English Walnuts—First, Miss Mary Downey; second, Milbourne Ward.

Growing Plants. Single palm—First, Mrs. Dora Ward; second, Miss Adele Maus. Rubber plant-First, Mrs. Dora Ward.

Begonia-First, Miss Louise C. R. Montgomery Asparagus phimosi-First, Mrs Bogley; second, Mrs. Dora Ward. Asparagus spengeri-First, Mrs. H. Cashell; second, Mrs. Dora

Ward. Coleus-First, Mrs. Dora Ward; second, Mrs. Florence E. Hicker-Boston fern-First, Mrs. C. T. Johnson; second, Mrs. Dora Ward.

Dora Ward; second, Mrs. C. T. Johnson. Hanging basket-First, Mrs. Bessie L. Howes. Table designs—First, Mrs. Henry L. Wells; second, Mrs. J. W. Ben-

Sweet corn—First, R. P. Hines; Mrs. C. T. Johnson. econd, Mrs. James D. King. Maiden hair fern—Mrs. James T. Bogley; second, Mrs. C. T. John Air plant-First, Mrs. Laura F Bennett.

Cut Flowers. Asters—First, Mrs. W. C. Bean; second, Miss Jesta Warthen. Dahlias—First, Emmett Dove; second, Mrs. Emmett Dove Geraniums-First, Mrs. D. F Oland. Gladiolas-First, Mrs. Frank J Downey. Marigolds-First, Lawrence Hig

gins; second, Miss Katherine Mon day. Nasturtiums-First, Miss Kather ine Monday; second, Mrs. Thomas Ladson.

Hydrangeas-First, Mrs. D. F Oland; second, Mrs. W. C. Bean Snapdragons-First, Mrs. Flor Downy. Wild flowers-First, Mrs. Roberta

Higgins; second, Miss Margaret Bowl cut flowers-First, M. B Nicol; second, Mrs. C. T. Johnson. Table design—First, Miss Lavinia

Bogley,
Design in greatest variety—First, W. Monday. Miscellaneous.

Butter-First, R. P. Hines; second

Mrs. Albert Hargett.
Honey—First, Myers Brothers;
second, D. F. Oland.

White eggs—First, Mrs. R. P. Hines; second, Miss Nellie Long.

Brown eggs—First, Miss Nellie Long, second, Miss Adele Maus. SUMMER RESORTS

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Latest Word From Paris By Marie Suzanne

THE plaited side sections of Lelong's black crepe de chine frock Ink it with the short plaited cape that makes it a three-piece costume. Metal thread embroiders the bodice.



pique, is a fabric which may be worn in the late summer to suggest the early autumn. In this model a straight chemise frock drops a narrowing panel, faced with the white pique, at the side-

Hold Exercises Today at Arlington, Lincoln Shrine. and Douglass Memorial.

Members of the National Colored Medical Association, now in convention here, held memorial exercises today at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery, at the Lincoln Memorial and also at the Douglass Memorial Home, recently dedicated by the Douglass Memorial Association.

At a meeting of the association yesterday J. E. Perry, of Kansas City, Mo., was elected president of the organization for the coming year. John O. Plummer, Raleigh, year. John O. Plummer, Raieign, N. C., was elected president for the following year. Others elected were Dr. H. R. Smith, Chicago, first vice president; Dr. I. Marion Lawrence Philadelphia, second vice president Dr. C. E. LeBranch, New Orleans, third vice president; Dr. W. G. Alex ander, Orange, N. J., general secre-tary, and Dr. G. H. Francis, Norfolk,

Va., assistant secretary.
Dr. John J. Mullowney, president
of the Meharry Medical College; Dr. H. M. Green, chairman of the com mission on pellagra, and Dr. H. C. Brown of the general health committee, spoke at yesterday's meeting Drs. W. A. Holly, Raleigh J. Coker and C. M. Samson presented special reports to the surgical and medical sections when they met late yesterday.

PALESTINE AUTO PARADE. CHANGES ROUTE SCHEDULE

Instead of starting at First and North Capitol streets, the automobile parade which is to be held Tuesday evening by the Jewish people of Washington in celebration of the Palestine mandate, will begin at the Peace Monument, the arrangements committee announced yesterday. Following the parade a mass meet

ing will be held at Central High School. Baruch Zucherman and Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt will speak, while Congressman Albert B. Rossdale will preside. A musical 1-rogram will feature at the meeting.

Jewelers on Outing.

"Somewhere along the upper Potomac" members of the manufacturing lewelers' section of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association went this morning, to participate in the athletic events outlined by a committee headed by J. C. Callahan of the organization. Lunch and supper



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